



October 1 through October 31

Washington State is celebrating its fourteenth annual Archaeology Month, from October 1 through October 31, 2006. Archaeology Month consists of a series of statewide events held in local communities to create a public awareness about the importance of protecting Washington's archaeological heritage. Protecting and exploring our archaeological heritage provides us with the knowledge of past lifeways, the struggles of our ancestors and predecessors as they sought to survive in a diverse and rugged landscape. Please take time this month to reflect upon our ancestors' efforts in building homes, families, and communities; creating ways of living that sustained them in a changing land.

This Activity Guide is designed to provide you with many opportunities to participate and enjoy all the archaeological tours, lectures, site visits, exhibits, craft demonstrations, events, and people making Washington's archaeological heritage something to celebrate and honor.

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and all event sponsors invite you to share the past with one another during this very special time. We encourage you to explore different events, go on a walking tour, participate in an archaeological site visit, or tour a museum exhibit, and become involved in a shared future that seeks to protect and value our archaeological heritage.

For General Information about Archaeology and Cultural Preservation

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation serves as the state historic preservation office for Washington. Receiving both state and federal support, DAHP's mission is the identification, evaluation, and protection of significant archaeological and historical sites that represent Washington's diverse cultural heritage. Please contact the office at (360) 586-3065 or visit our web page at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov> for more information on protecting archaeology sites in Washington.

Archaeology Month Calendar of Events

Special Events

Saturday, September 30

WHERE: **Vancouver** TIME: beginning at 9 a.m.
WHAT: Archaeology Kids Dig!
The National Parks Service
LOCATION: Fort Vancouver National Historic Site
CONTACT: Heidi Pierson PHONE: 360-816-6255

DESCRIPTION: Kid's Dig introduces children to archaeology through a hands-on activity excavating boxes filled with soil layers and artifacts that reflect the typical Fort Vancouver archaeological site. Children work in a team to "excavate" their units and record what they find there. Each will get to participate in the major tasks - excavate, screen, take notes, and describe the artifacts found in their unit.

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There are two Kid's Digs with individual sessions at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. They are open to children ages 8 - 12. Exceptions are considered for younger children who can read and write independently. Each group of students will be supervised. No pre-registration is needed, but each session is limited to 20 children on a first-come, first-served basis. A sign-up sheet will be posted when the gates open at 9:00 am.

Sunday, October 1

WHERE: **Tumwater** TIME: All Day
WHAT: Riverwalk Tours at the Tumwater Falls Harvest Festival
LOCATION: Tumwater Falls Park, "C" Street and Deschutes
Way, Tumwater

DESCRIPTION: Meet at the Petroglyph Rock at the northwest end of the Park Office Building Tours led by Tumwater Historic Preservation Commissioners and members of Trout Unlimited Tours are Free as part of the Tumwater Falls Harvest Festival (also Free) Free parking and free shuttle from the Schmidt House on Schmidt Lane and Custer Way, Tumwater. Tours begin at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 – for more information 360 754-4217 tumwaterfestival@olywa.net or www.ci.tumwater.wa.us.

Tuesday, October 3

WHERE: **Lacey** TIME: 7pm
WHAT: Pioneer Homesteads, Logging Camps, and other Historic sites: Interpreting recently discovered archaeological remains at Ft. Lewis.
LOCATION: Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Avenue

DESCRIPTION: The Lacey Museum invites you to a program that will look at recent efforts to identify and protect important archaeological sites at Fort Lewis, Washington. In the presentation Steve Dampf and other representative of Historical research Associates, Inc. will discuss their work on pioneer homesteads, logging camps and other historic sites. The program will shed light on some of the modern archaeological methods that have increased our understanding of the areas past. Call for info: 360-438-0209

Wednesday, October 4

WHERE: **Sedro Woolley** TIME: 6pm
WHAT: Archaeology and the Skagit Watershed
LOCATION: Sedro Woolley Community Center

DESCRIPTION: Equinox Research and Consulting Inc., the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group and the Upper Skagit Indian Tribes presents an evening of powerpoint slideshows by both professional archaeologists and school children about archaeology efforts in the Puget Sound region. For more information contact Kelly Bush at 360-826-4930.

Thursday, October 5

WHERE: **Portland** TIME: 4pm
WHAT: Fire, vegetation, and humans: reconstructing the
Holocene history of the Willamette Valley
LOCATION: Portland State University, Cramer Hall Room 41

DESCRIPTION: Reconstructing the Holocene history of the Willamette Valley. Presentation by Megan Walsh (U. of Oregon). Sponsors/Contacts: Dept. Anthropology, PSU, Connie Cash (503.725-3914), Students, Adults, Handicap Access. The PSU Anthropology Department hosts a monthly speaker series on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Virginia Butler, butlerv@pdx.edu

Friday, October 6

WHERE: **Tacoma**
WHAT: Candlelight tour TIME: 7pm to 10pm
LOCATION: Ft. Nisqually 5400 N Pearl Street (Pt. Defiance Park)

ADMISSION REQUIRED

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WHERE: **North Bend**

TIME: 10 AM-3 PM

WHAT: Explorations of the Past

LOCATION: Cedar River Watershed Education Center

DESCRIPTION: This all day drop-in event provides ample opportunity to explore the past of the Cedar River Watershed through hands-on activities, presentations, lectures, and walking tours of historic Cedar Falls. Special Guests: Ray Egan as Ezra Meeker with "History Alive: Those Terrible Treaties." Author Linda Carlson leads a book discussion "Company Towns of the Pacific Northwest." The Heritage Library will be open for you to peruse oral histories, study 100-year old maps, and explore the rich past of the region's water supply.

Adults, Seniors, Families (kids age 12 and up) Groups are welcome and need to pre-register.

Driving Directions:

From Seattle take I-90 eastbound. Take Exit #32 (436th Ave.) Turn right (south) on 436th Ave SE (Cedar Falls Road). Go past Rattlesnake Lake. The Cedar River Watershed Education Center is on the right, 3.5 miles from exit. Questions? 206-733-9421 or 425-831-6780

WHERE: **Skykomish**

WHAT: Heritage Interpretative Hikes

LOCATION: Skykomish Ranger Station Iron Goat Trail

FREE

DESCRIPTION: A three-hour archaeological hike along the Iron Goat Trail will begin at 9:30am at the Skykomish Ranger Station. No sign-up necessary. Bring a daypack, raingear, sturdy hiking boots, lunch and bottled water. Cameras and binoculars are optional. For more information visit www.irongoat.org

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Thursday, October 12

WHERE: **Poulsbo**

WHAT: People of the Clear Salt Water: 6,000 Years of Suquamish Indian History

LOCATION: Suquamish Tribal Offices at Suquamish Village

DESCRIPTION: Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribal Council Chairman, and Dennis Lewarch, Tribal Archaeologist, will summarize the cultural adaptation of the Suquamish People over the past 6,000 years, using environmental, archaeological, ethnographic, and historic period data, maps, and photographs.

Saturday, October 14

WHERE: **Seattle**

TIME: 10:00 am to 2 pm

WHAT: Tsunamis, Sewage and Salmon

LOCATION: Discovery Park Visitor Center, Seattle

CONTACT: Archaeology

PHONE: 206-685-3849

DESCRIPTION: Specialists from the Burke's archaeology division and Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation conduct a day filled with exciting tours and activities. Find out what tsunamis, sewage, salmon, and archaeology have to do with each other. Learn who lived at Discovery Park thousands of years ago. Discover the geological history of the West Point peninsula. Try your hand at archaeology activities for all ages. Co-sponsored by Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. Check in at the Discovery Park Visitor Center.

WHERE: **Vancouver**

TIME: 10:00 am

WHAT: Archaeological Walking Tours of Fort Vancouver
The National Parks Service

LOCATION: Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

CONTACT: Heidi Pierson

PHONE: 360-816-6552

DESCRIPTION: Fort Vancouver archaeologists will lead a walking tour of the Vancouver Barracks Parade Ground at 10 am and of Fort Vancouver and the Village at 1 pm (weather depending). Join

the walks to learn about the history of this world-class archaeological site, see how past activities have affected the modern landscape, and discuss how archaeology informs what the National Park Service does today.

WHERE: **Vancouver** TIME: 1:00 pm
WHAT: Fort Vancouver collections open house
The National Parks Service
LOCATION: Fort Vancouver National Historic Site
CONTACT: Heidi Pierson PHONE: 360-816-6552

DESCRIPTION: Select artifacts from our collections and from recent excavations at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve will be on display. Our curator, Tessa Langford, will be on hand to discuss the objects and how we catalog and curate objects recovered during archaeological excavations. Over 1.5 million artifacts are curated at this site, representing its diverse uses by Native Americans, the Hudson's Bay

Thursday, October 19

WHERE: **Olympia**
WHAT: Another World: The Stone Adzes of Mauna Kea, Hawaii
LOCATION: Olympia Public Library 313 8th Ave SE, Olympia

FREE

DESCRIPTION: A slideshow and lecture, by USDA Archaeologist Scott Williams, about Hawaiian stone adze manufacturing and the ancient quarry near the summit of Mauna Kea volcano, the tallest mountain in the Pacific. Lecture starts at 7:30pm. Sponsored by: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Friday, October 27

WHERE: **Bellingham**
WHAT: Another World: The Stone Adzes of Mauna Kea, Hawaii

LOCATION: Village Books 1200 11th St., Bellingham, WA 98225
(in Fairhaven)

FREE

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Month-long events

Enjoy these special events that are presented to highlight the archaeological and cultural heritage of Washington.

WHERE: **Bellingham**

WHAT: Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Syre Education Center

LOCATION: 201 Prospect Street

WHEN: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays.

CONTACT: 360-676-6981 Homepage:

<http://www.whatcommuseum.org/index.html>.

DESCRIPTION: Glimpse the traditions of Northwest Coastal People from Puget Sound to Alaska in a permanent exhibit. A highlight of the exhibit is the museum's study storage collection of over 200 baskets. Information and interpretative brochures identify artifacts and provide a glimpse into traditional life. Tours are available for school and adult groups, please call for information

WHERE: **Beverly**

WHAT: Wanapum Dam Heritage Center

LOCATION: Hwy 24

CONTACT: 509-754-3541 ext. 2571 for group tour information.

DESCRIPTION: Open seven days a week year-round. Free admission. Exhibits include geological history, lifestyles of the early

peoples of the area. View the beautiful handmade cornhusk bags, beaded moccasins, and bear grass baskets displayed along with the original work of the noted sculptor and journalist, Click Relander, author of *Drummers and Dreamers*, the story of the Wanapum People.

WHERE: **Coulee Dam City**

WHAT: Colville Confederated Tribes Museum

LOCATION: 512 Mead Way

DESCRIPTION: This museum is filled with history collected by the Colville Confederated Tribes (Moses/Columbia, Wenatchee, Okanogan, Entiat-Chelan, Methow, Nez Perce, Palus, Nespelem, Colville, San Poil and Lake). A gift center occupies the ground floor, where you can buy Native crafts, quilts, books, cards, posters, and more related to Native culture.

WHERE: **Coupeville**

WHAT: Discover America's National Historic Reserve

LOCATION: Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve

DESCRIPTION: This rural historic district is a National Park Service unit that preserves an unbroken historical record of 19th century Puget Sound exploration and settlement. The reserve is open all the time for driving, biking or walking. Tune your car radio to 1610 AM for information. Homepage: <http://www.nps.gov/ebla/>

WHERE: **Kamilche**

WHAT: Kamilche Museum Library and Resource Center

LOCATION: Old Olympic Highway at Kamilche

DESCRIPTION: The museum tells the story of the People of the Water through a series of exhibits and displays depicting the relationship between Squaxin Island Tribal members and the seven inlets of Southern Puget Sound. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday.

WHERE: **La Conner**

WHAT: Skagit County Historical Museum,
LOCATION: 501 South 4th Street

DESCRIPTION: The south wing of the Skagit County Historical Museum displays exhibits of Swinomish and other local Coast Salish Native American artifacts including baskets, tools, photographs, and dress. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 to 5 pm. Contact staff at (360) 466-3365 for details.

WHERE: **Lynden**

WHAT: Lynden Pioneer Museum
LOCATION: 217 Front Street
CONTACT: (360) 354-3675 Homepage:
<http://www.lyndenpioneermuseum.com/>

DESCRIPTION: Check out the permanent exhibit on local archaeology and the history of the region. Over 300 artifacts on display represent the basketry and daily tools of Native American and pioneers of the area. Contact staff at (360) 354-3675 for more information.

WHERE: **Moses Lake**

WHAT: Moses Lake Museum and Art Center
LOCATION: 228 West Third Avenue, Moses Lake
CONTACT: Ann Golden PHONE: 509-766-9395
agolden@ci.moses-lake.wa.us http://www.mlrec.com/index.php?page_id=36

FREE

DESCRIPTION: The Moses Lake Museum & Art Center has one of the largest collections of early Native American stone tools in the Columbia Basin which include thousands of projectile points, mortars, pestles, mauls, net weights, scrapers, and drills. This collection was gathered over the life time of Adam East, amateur archaeologist. Even though he explored the majority of the Americas, his attention was especially drawn to the central Washington area. East donated this extensive collection to the

Moses Lake Museum & Art Center in 1955 and a portion is currently on display along with the story of Adam East.

WHERE: **Neah Bay**

WHAT: Makah Cultural & Research Center,

LOCATION: Bayview Avenue, Highway 112

CONTACT: 360-645-2711 Homepage:

<http://www.makah.com/museum.htm>.

DESCRIPTION: The Makah Museum is the nation's sole repository for archaeological discoveries from the Makah coastal village of Ozette. The centuries-old village was located 15 miles south of present-day Neah Bay. Ozette served the Makah people as a year-round home well into the twentieth century. The thousands of artifacts recovered from Ozette have helped recreate the Makah's rich and exciting history as whalers, sealers, fishermen, hunters, gatherers, craftspeople, basketweavers, spinners, and warriors. The museum exhibits feature dioramas depicting marine environments and a full-sized longhouse. The exhibits are accompanied by the sounds of birds, waves, and, in the longhouse, conversation and singing in the Makah language. Many of the articles in the exhibits, such as whaling and sealing implements can be handled. The Makah Museum is open to the public 7 days a week from Memorial Day through September 15th, and closed Monday and Tuesday from September 16th through Memorial Day.

WHERE: **Olympia**

WHAT: Washington State Capital Museum

LOCATION: 211 West 21st Street

WHEN: Tuesdays–Fridays, 10am–4pm, Fridays & Saturdays, 12–4pm

CONTACT: 360-753-2580. Homepage:

<http://www.wshs.org/wscm/>

DESCRIPTION: Featuring two floors of exhibits, the museum offers interpretations of regional Native American history and a series of interesting temporary exhibits. The gardens surrounding the museum mansion feature a sample of native Northwest plants and

an ethnobotanical garden. Admission is free to members, or \$2 for adults, \$1.75 for seniors, \$5 per family and \$1 for children over 6.

WHERE: **OREGON STATE**

WHAT: Oregon Celebrates Archaeology Month

LOCATION: various

CONTACT: http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/docs/oac-coe_06.pdf

WHERE: **Pullman**

WHAT: WSU Museum of Anthropology

LOCATION: College Hall

CONTACT: 509-339-3536

DESCRIPTION: See archaeological collections that have been recovered from archaeological sites in Eastern Washington. The collections represent a record of the last 11,000 years of human occupation of the Plateau region of Northwestern America. This is one of the most extensive collections of Native American artifacts from the Plateau. Contact staff at (509) 339-3536 for hours and more information.

WHERE: **Seattle**

WHAT: Wing Luke Asian Museum

LOCATION: 407 Seventh Avenue South

WHEN: Tuesdays–Fridays 11-4pm, weekends 12-4pm

CONTACT: (206) 623-5124 or visit

<http://www.wingluke.org/index.htm>

DESCRIPTION: The Wing Luke Museum engages the Asian Pacific American Communities and the public in exploring issues related to the culture, art, and history of Asian Pacific Americans. The Wing Luke Asian Museum collects and preserves artifacts, photographs, archives and oral histories pertaining to the history, culture and art of the Asian Pacific American community. The collection and resource library is open to the public.

WHERE: **Skykomish**

WHAT: Iron Goat Trail Interpretive Hike – Railroad Archaeology
WHERE: Skykomish Ranger Station
LOCATION: one mile east of Skykomish on SR-12
CONTACT: 206-517-3019.

DESCRIPTION: Stroll into the past on the Iron Goat Trail as it follows the abandoned Great Northern Railway route near Stevens Pass. Enjoy the natural beauty of the area and get glimpses of a key part of Washington's history. This award-winning trail will win your heart. Plan to come again with your friends and enjoy this trail through the seasons. The hike will last 3 to 6 hours depending upon weather. No advanced signup is needed.

WHERE: **South Cle Elum**
WHAT: Self-guided Archaeological Walking Tours (John Wayne Ironhorse Trail)
LOCATION: South Cle Elum Depot, 801 Milwaukee Ave, S. Cle Elum

DESCRIPTION: Walk the ruins of a historic railyard and discover Washington's rich railroad history. See first-hand preservation efforts of culturally significant archaeology and historic buildings. Learn about the advancement of railroad technology and how Washington played a role in these developments.

WHERE: **Suquamish**
WHAT: Suquamish Tribal Museum,
LOCATION: Two miles south on SR305 at the west end of the Agate Pass Bridge.
CONTACT: (360) 598-3311

DESCRIPTION: Old Man House: People and the Way of Life at D'Suq'Wub. Explore and learn about the cultural traditions of the Suquamish Tribe by touring exhibits about Old Man House and tribal culture and artifacts.

WHERE: **Tacoma**
WHAT: Washington State History Museum
LOCATION: 1911 Pacific Avenue

CONTACT: 253-272-3500 or visit <http://www.wshs.org>.

DESCRIPTION: Colorful, interactive exhibits and walk-through dioramas depict the natural setting, the lifestyle and culture of the first inhabitants, exploration and settlement of the region, and the important people and milestone events that have shaped our state. For more museum information call (253) 272-3500

WHERE: **Toppenish**

WHAT: Yakama Nation Cultural Center

CONTACT: 509-865-2800

DESCRIPTION: The Yakama Nation Cultural Center has ongoing exhibits and programs that detail the rich history and culture of the Yakama Nation. These exhibits illustrate the rich and complex cultures of Native American lifestyles. The center also features a restaurant, gift shop, and RV facilities.

WHERE: **Wenatchee**

WHAT: Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center,

LOCATION: 127 South Mission Street

CONTACT: 509-664-3340.

DESCRIPTION: View the museum's Rock Art and Native American exhibits including petroglyphs and artifacts from 11,000 years of Native American life along the Columbia River.

WHERE: **Wenatchee**

WHAT: Rocky Reach Visitor Center,

LOCATION: Seven miles north of Wenatchee on Hwy 97

CONTACT: 509-663-7522

DESCRIPTION: Visit the Rocky Reach Visitor Center and learn about the results of archaeological excavations at the Stemilt Village site. This exhibit contains pictures of the site at the various stages of data recovery. Tools and other artifacts used by the village residents and a replica of one of the many housepits, illustrate the lifestyle of the time.

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